

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 22. Please cancel claims 45-71.

1. (Original) A method for joining a meet-me conference call, said method comprising:

presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call, in response to user input to an application program co-resident with a terminal.

2. (Original) The method of Claim

1, wherein the user input further includes:
an indication that the user is requesting to join a meet-me conference call.

3. (Original) The method of Claim

1, wherein the user input further includes:
an indication that the user is requesting to specify a quorum at a time selected from the group comprising a time at which a meet-me call is being scheduled, and a time prior to a time at which a meet-me conference call is to transpire.

4. (Original) The method of Claim

1, wherein the user input further includes:
a telephone number of a conferencing service and a password for a conference call.

5. (Original) The method of Claim

1, wherein the user input further includes:

identification of a virtual presence of the user.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one connection address selected from the group comprising a land-line telephone number, a wireless telephone number, and a network address.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one non-media-transport-channel-supporting connection address selected from the group comprising a network address, a wireless web address, and an instant messaging username.

8. (Original) The method of Claim

1, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with the meet-me conference call via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device.

9. (Original) The method of Claim

1, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes:

presenting an option to join the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

10. (Original) The method of Claim

1, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes:

presenting a number of users associated with the meet-me conference call, or an identity of at least one user associated with the meet-me conference call.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

presenting at least one option selected from the group comprising joining the meet-me conference call substantially immediately or joining the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

presenting an option comprising specifying that a complete quorum must be present before a MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

13. (Original) The method of Claim

1, further comprising:

sending a message containing user input to a Multipoint Controller Conference Manager Application (MC-CMA), in response to user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that a complete quorum must be present before the MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that the MC-CMA notifies a Terminal-CCMA (Conference Call Manager Application Program co-resident with a terminal) upon detection of at least one designated user joining or being available to join a meet-me conference call.

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16. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein said sending a message containing the user input to a Conference Manager Application (CMA) further comprises:

sending a message over a Call Optimization Application (COA) channel.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said sending a message over a Call Optimization (COA) channel further includes:

establishing an Internet Protocol channel.

18. (Original) The method of Claim

1, further comprising:

originating a media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established.

19. (Original) The method of Claim

1, further comprising:

presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device proximate to the user's terminal, in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, further comprising:
originating a media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to user input.

21. (Original) The method of Claim

1, further comprising:

presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least messaging service selected from the group comprising a paging messaging service, and an instant messaging service.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for joining a meet-me conference call, said system comprising:

means for detecting user input to an application program co-resident with a terminal; and

means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call, in response to the user input to the ~~an~~ application program co-resident with the a terminal.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes:
an indication that the user is requesting to join a meet-me conference call.

24. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes:
an indication that the user is requesting to specify a quorum at a time selected from the group comprising a time at which a meet-me call is being scheduled, and a time prior to a time at which a meet-me conference call is to transpire.

25. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes:
a telephone number of a conferencing service and a password for a conference call.

26. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes: identification of a virtual presence of the user.

27. (Original) The system of Claim 26, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one connection address selected from the group comprising a land-line telephone number, a wireless telephone number, and a network address.

28. (Original) The system of Claim 26, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one non-media-transport-channel-supporting connection address selected from the group comprising a network address, a wireless web address, and an instant messaging username.

29. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises: means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with the meet-me conference call via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device.

30. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes: means for presenting an option to join the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

31. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes: means for presenting a number of users associated with the meet-me conference call, or an identity of at least one user associated with the meet-me conference call.

32. (Original) The system of Claim 31, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:
means for presenting at least one option selected from the group comprising
joining the meet-me conference call substantially immediately or joining
the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is
waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

33. (Original) The system of Claim 31, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:
means for presenting an option comprising specifying that a complete quorum
must be present before a MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call
Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

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34. (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising:
means for sending a message containing user input to a Multipoint Controller
Conference Manager Application (MC-CMA), in response to user input
specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at
least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference
call prior to the user joining the conference call.

35. (Original) The system of Claim 34, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that a complete quorum must be present before the MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

36. (Original) The system of Claim 34, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that the MC-CMA notifies a Terminal-CCMA (Conference Call Manager Application program co-resident with a terminal) upon detection of at least one designated user joining or being available to join a meet-me conference call.

37. (Original) The system of Claim 34, wherein said means for sending a message containing the user input to a Conference Manager Application (CMA) further comprises:

means for sending a message over a Call Optimization Application (COA) channel.

38. (Original) The system of Claim 37, wherein said means for sending a message over a Call Optimization (COA) channel further includes:

means for establishing an Internet Protocol channel.

39. (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising:

means for originating a media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established.

40. (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising:

means for presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device proximate to the user's terminal, in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established

41. (Original) The system of Claim 40, further comprising:

means for originating a media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to user input.

42. (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising:

presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least messaging service selected from the group comprising a paging messaging service, and an instant messaging service.

43. (Original) A program product comprising:

signal bearing media bearing programming adapted to present an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call, in response to user input to an application program co-resident with a terminal.

44. (Original) The program product of Claim 43, wherein said signal bearing media is selected from the group comprising transmission media, and recordable media.

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